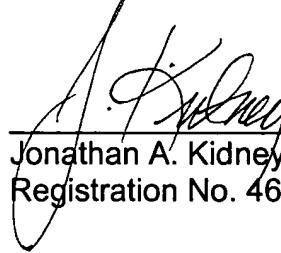


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57. (Thrice Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

reading means, after setting an information recording medium in the reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.